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DAMASCUS AND JERUSALEM FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY E) PFOR UN XF EI

SUBJ: IRISH WITHDRAWAL OF UNEF CONTINGENT

REF: DUBLIN 654 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DUBLIN, IRISH MISSION MORNING  
MAY 21 INFORMED SECRETARY GENERAL THAT GOI HOPES NEED TO  
RETAIN TROOPS IN IRELAND WILL BE TEMPORARY AND REGARDS ITS  
COMMITMENT TO UNEF AS CONTINUING. AMB KENNEDY GAVE US  
ADVANCE COPY OF LETTER, WHICH FOLLOWS IN PARA 3 BELOW.

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2. SC PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO SYG INFORMING HIM OF COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT TO IRISH WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN HELD UP BY US/UK INSISTENCE ON REVIEWING DRAFT. ACCORDINGLY, IRISH LETTER ON NATURE OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL WILL BE PART OF RECORD BEFORE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SC AND SYG ARE FORMALLY COMPLETED.

3. QTE DEAR SECRETARY-GENERAL:

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO MY LETTER OF 18TH MAY IN WHICH I CONFIRMED THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED, WITH GREAT REGRET, TO WITHDRAW ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE IRISH CONTINGENT SERVING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE.

I HAVE NOW BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ARE SINCERELY APPRECIATIVE OF THE UNDERSTANDING SHOWN FOR THE NEED TO WITHDRAW THE IRISH CONTINGENT SERVING WITH UNEF FOR THEIR SPEEDY RETURN TO IRELAND. THE GOVERNMENT REGRETS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE MADE THE WITHDRAWAL UNAVOIDABLE AT THIS JUNCTURE BUT HOPE THAT THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL NOT BE OF LONG DURATION AND THAT THE NEED TO RETAIN THE TROOPS IN IRELAND WILL BE TEMPORARY. THEY WOULD BE HAPPY WHEN THE PRESENT NEED HAS PASSED, TO SEND AGAIN AN IRISH CONTINGENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD THE UNITED NATIONS FEEL THIS DESIRABLE AND FOR THEIR PART, WOULD WISH TO BE REGARDED AS CONTINUING THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE EMERGENCY FORCE EVEN IF, FOR THE PRESENT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY TROOPS.

I AM, MY DEAR SECRETARY-GENERAL,  
YOURS VERY SINCERELY,

KENNEDY UNQTE  
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